



Brownfields Supplemental Assistance

City of Duquesne, PA

BACKGROUND

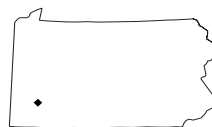
EPA awarded the City of Duquesne supplemental assistance for its Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot. Duquesne (population 7,500) is located along the Monongahela River directly east of Pittsburgh. The stigma of environmental contamination has prevented the use of numerous brownfield sites in the Monongahela River Valley. Communities throughout the valley have collaborated in revitalization efforts through the Sustainable Monongahela Valley Brownfield Redevelopment Initiative. This initiative works to connect community interests with economic development to improve the quality of life for valley residents. To meet this goal, government, academic, and private partners are working together to prepare site cleanup and mixed-use plans for the region's brownfield sites.

Duquesne, as the recipient of the original EPA Pilot, is leading the collaborative, valley-wide effort. Three sites in three cities were assessed under the original Pilot: the McKee's Point site in McKeesport; the Hercules site in Clairton; and the Barna Machine site in Duquesne. In addition, a valley-wide advisory board was established and has held five public forums focusing on brownfields bioremediation. Using supplemental assistance, Duquesne will continue the collaborative assessment program by targeting two new sites in communities that did not directly participate in the original Pilot.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Duquesne will use its supplemental assistance grant to expand the efforts of the Sustainable Monongahela Valley Brownfield Redevelopment Initiative by conducting assessments at the Versailles Riverfront Property and the Glassport Industrial site. The Versailles Riverfront site comprises approximately 20 acres along the Youghiogheny River, approximately three miles east of the City of

PILOT SNAPSHOT



*City of Duquesne,
Pennsylvania*

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May 2002

Amount: \$ 150,000

Profile: The Pilot will target a 20-acre riverfront area in the Borough of Versailles and a 2.5-acre industrial site in the Borough of Glassport.

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McKeesport. The Borough of Versailles, which owns the property, has jointly completed a master plan for this area that proposes playgrounds and athletic fields to complement ongoing work to develop the Youghiogheny river trail. The 2.5-acre Glassport Industrial site, owned by the Borough of Glassport, is targeted for commercial redevelopment that will revitalize the economic health of the borough.

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting Phase I and II site assessments at the Versailles Riverfront Property;
- Conducting Phase I and II site assessments at the Glassport Industrial site;
- Developing site cleanup alternatives for the Versailles Riverfront and Glassport Industrial sites; and
- Holding regional forums to solicit public input and educate the communities on brownfields issues.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.